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1. SLYFIELD, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CALLED EMBASSY FEB. 28 TO REPORT ON HIS REVIEW OF POSSIBILITIES FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THE PROVISIONS OF BILL C-58 FOR RADIO STATION WQDY (REFTELS)
2. HE SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THE ISSUE WITH THE DEPTS OF COMMUNICATIONS, NATIONAL REVENUE, FINANCE AND THE CANADIAN RADIO-TELEVISION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION. HIS DISCUSSIONS HAD CONFIRMED HIS UNDERSTANDING (REPORTED PARA 2 REF B) THAT SECTION 19-1 OF THE INCOME TAX ACT (BILL C-58) DOES NOT PERMIT SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS; ANY EXEMPTION COULD ONLY BE EFFECTED BY A CHANGE IN THE LAW AND SUCH A CHANGE IS NOT ONE THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER AT THE PRESENT TIME.
3. COMMENT: OUR DISCUSSION OF WQDY'S PROBLEM WITH EXTAFF, CAUSING EXTAFF TO REVIEW THE ISSUE WITH OTHER INTERESTED CANADIAN AGENCIES, HAS BEEN USEFUL IN AGAIN CALLING ATTENTION TO OUR CONTINUING DISSATISFACTION WITH THE EFFECT C-58 IS HAVING ON US BROADCASTERS. HOWEVER, WE DOUBT THAT

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PURSUING THE WQDY PROBLEM FURTHER AT THIS TIME WOULD PRODUCE ANY CHANGE IN THE CANADIAN POSITION. WE WILL CONTINUE TO USE OPPORTUNITIES AS THEY ARISE TO MAKE OUR POSITION ON C-58 CLEAR TO THE GOC. ENDERS

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